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System For Flexible Multiple Broadcast For:

Service Delivery over A WDM Passive Optical Network Base on RF Block-Conversion of RF Service Bands Within

Wavelength Bands

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert:

This application claims the benefit under 37 CFR 1.78 of provisional application 60/222,873 filed on August 3, 2000. The full disclosure of the prior application is incorporated herein by reference.

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